

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 3, 2007 has been received and carefully studied.

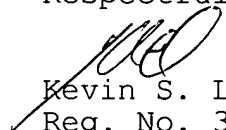
The Examiner rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Smith, U.S. Patent No. 5,290,060, and claims 2 and 4-8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith. The Examiner states that Smith discloses a gas generator comprising a gas generating agent 54, a cup body 34, a holder 58 with a squibb 56 wherein the squibb is sealed in the cup body, an automatic igniting agent layer 78 on the inner surface of the cup body wherein the automatic igniting agent layer is formed by applying a solution containing the automatic igniting agent on the inner surface of the cup body and then drying. With regard to claims 2 and 4-8, the Examiner considers that it would have been obvious to have the layer a specific weight, and to have made a specific ignition temperature of the automatic igniting agent, as these are merely optimum values or workable ranges of result effective variables.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 9-11 contain allowable subject matter.

In order to expedite allowance, by the accompanying amendment the limitations of claim 9 have been incorporated into claim 1. Claims 9 and 11 have been cancelled.

It is believed that the amendment places the application in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin S. Lemack
Reg. No. 32,579
176 E. Main Street - Suite 7
Westboro, Massachusetts 01581
TEL: (508) 898-1818